

### **III. REMARKS**

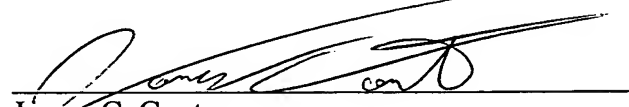
The Office Action required that Applicant elect a single characterized species to which the claims will be restricted. The Action requests that Applicant, once having made the election, identify the claims readable on the elected species. In response to the requirement, Applicant elects Species I, Figures 1-4. The claims which are readable on this species are Claims 1, 3-4, 12-16, 18, 20, 26, 27 and 29. The remaining claims have been withdrawn from consideration.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Applicant has complied with the election and restriction requirements set forth in the Action. The matter should now proceed to substantive examination.

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Respectfully submitted,

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